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- On 30 July, 9 and 20 August 1951 Liegnitz (O 52/D 02) airfield was occupied by 15 to 18 biplanes which frequently towed target sleeves and about 100 to 120 Soviet low-wing monoplanes, 89 of which were counted. The low-wing monoplanes were fitted with in-line engines, three-bladed propellers, elliptical wings, and landing gears which retract rearward. A machine gun projected to the rear from the plexiglass cockpit and an antenna extended from a rod in front of the cockpit to the tail assembly. Three machine guns were mounted in each wing, and a cannon was mounted within the propeller hub. Propeller hubs were white, blue, and red. The aircraft had a white-bordered red Soviet star. *
- The planes usually took off and landed in groups of 2 and 3 and occasionally in groups of 4. Formations of 10 to 12 aircraft were seen twice.
- The landing field extended for 2,000 meters from east to west and 800 to 1,000 meters from north to south. No concrete runways or taxiways were available at the field. Construction was not observed. A spur track led to an underground fuel dump on the southern edge of the field. Obstacle lights were observed at the installation.
- Buildings at the field included: 5 large hangars with several wooden sheds behind and between them; 10 large barracks buildings, occupied to capacity by Soviet air force soldiers, in the northeastern corner of the field; and 2 large buildings quartering air force soldiers north of the field. A castle surrounded by a park was located southwest of the field. The castle housed an air force headquarters commanded by a general. Motor traffic between the castle and the airfield was heavy. **

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- * [] Comment. It is believed that this descriptive information refers to the IL-10 type. The third machine gun reportedly observed in the wings is believed to have actually been the pitot tube. Cannons mounted within the propeller hubs are reported for the first time and requires confirmation.
- ** [] Comment. Contrary to previous information, according to which a 50X1-HUM fighter unit was stationed at Liegnitz airfield, the present report indicates that at least two ground attack regiments were located there. The headquarters of a ground attack division of the Fourth Air Army is probably also located there. A transfer of the fighter units previously stationed in Liegnitz may be inferred from the transfer of air force troops observed in January 1951. []. It is believed that the northernmost barracks buildings which, according to a previous report, quartered Polish soldiers, are now occupied by Soviet Air Force troops. []

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